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*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### South Florida Artificial and Natural Reefs—Economic Valuation Study; Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 18, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at [LEngelme@doc.gov](mailto:LEngelme@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Dr. Vernon R. Leeworthy, NOS/Special Projects Office, 1305 East West Highway, SSMC 4, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (301-713-3000, ext. 138) or via Internet at [Bob.Leeworthy@noaa.gov](mailto:Bob.Leeworthy@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The purpose of this data collection is to provide local, state and federal agencies in charge of managing the artificial and natural reefs of the coasts of southeast Florida (Palm Beach, Broward, Dade and Monroe Counties) with information on both the market economic impact (e.g., sales/output, income and employment) and non-

market economic value (consumer's surplus) associated with reef use. Separate surveys of residents of each county, visitors (non-residents of each county) and recreational for-hire operations will be conducted to estimate the amount of use (measured in person-days) on both artificial and natural reefs, spending in the local economies while undertaking the activities on the reefs, and information that will support estimation of non-market economic-use values using travel-cost- demand models and discrete-choice-contingent valuation methods.

Three surveys are planned:

A. Survey of Local Resident Reef Users: Telephone surveys of 500 boating resident households per county for each of the four counties in the study area will be conducted (Palm Beach, Broward, Dade and Monroe Counties). A computer-aided telephone instrument (CATI) will be used. Samples will be drawn from the State of Florida's boat registration files.

B. Survey of Non Resident Reef Users: Non-residents are defined as people who are not permanent residents of the county where interviewed. Interviewing will be done on-site from a stratified sample of non residents in each of the counties. There will be two separate sampled populations: 1) General Visitors and 2) Boating Visitors. Samples will be stratified by two seasons (e.g., summer and winter) and for boating visitors by activity and mode of boating. Activities include diving and fishing and boat modes include charter, party and own (household) boats.

C. Survey of Recreational for Hire Operations: From previous studies, it was determined that non-resident charter and party boat users did not always know whether they were fishing on artificial or natural reefs. Charter and party operators do know and can provide estimates of the amount of use on both artificial and natural reefs. A survey of charter and party boat fishing and diving operations will be used to gather information on the amount of use on artificial and natural reef use by charter and party boat visitors.

##### II. Method of Collection

The information will be collected by telephone surveys and personal interviews.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* None

*Form Number:* None

*Type of Review:* Regular submission

*Affected public:* Individuals, business or other for-profit

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 9,600

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 15 minutes for interviews of reef users, 1 hour for surveys of recreational for-hire operations.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,700

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and /or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 10, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Guatemala

December 16, 1999.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing a limit.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 20, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S.

Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limit for Category 443 is being increased for carryforward.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Also see 63 FR 63032, published on November 10, 1998.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 16, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 4, 1998, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Guatemala and exported during the period which began on January 1, 1999 and extends through December 31, 1999.

Effective on December 20, 1999, you are directed to increase the current limit for Category 443 to 81,704 numbers<sup>1</sup>, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

The guaranteed access level for Categories 443 remains unchanged.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Announcement of Import Limits for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

December 14, 1999.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The Bilateral Textile Agreement of November 7, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia establishes limits for certain wool textile products, produced or manufactured in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and exported during the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000.

These limits do not apply to goods entered under the Outward Processing Program, as defined in the notice and letter to the Commissioner of Customs published in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 1999 (see 64 FR 69746).

Any shipment for entry under the Outward Processing Program which is not accompanied by valid certification in accordance with the provisions established in the notice and letter to the Commissioner of Customs, published in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 1999 (see 64 FR 69743), shall be denied entry. However, the Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia may authorize the entry and charges to the appropriate specific limits by the issuance of a valid visa. Also see 63 FR 17156, as amended, published on April 8, 1998.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 2000 limits.

These limits may be revised if the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Information regarding the 2000 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 14, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the Bilateral Textile Agreement of November 7, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2000, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of wool textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and exported during the period beginning on January 1, 2000 and extending through December 31, 2000, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month limit
433 .....	21,224 dozen.
434 .....	10,612 dozen.
435 .....	28,414 dozen.
443 .....	175,099 numbers.
448 .....	63,672 dozen.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. These limits do not apply to products entered under the Outward Processing Program.

Products in the above categories exported during 1999 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated September 30, 1998) to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such

<sup>1</sup> The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1998.